

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 28, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 08/15/00)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Cox Communications—Proposed easements for electrical generators/
power supply units and bottle cabinets

In connection with the ongoing upgrade of the cable system, Cox Communications desires to place in various locations throughout the County gas powered electrical generators and power supply units, which will have the purpose of assisting in providing an independent power supply for the upgraded system in the event of an interruption of electrical service from Virginia Power. Cox has identified seven locations on County property where they wish to locate generators. Four of the generators will be designed to receive gas supply from utility lines adjacent to the easements. Three of the locations, not having readily available gas utility lines, will be supplied with propane gas bottles to be housed in bottle cabinets placed beside the generators. Copies of easement plats showing each of the seven easement locations are attached. The generators will be housed in green metal boxes standing three to four feet above the surface of the ground. The County's Zoning Administrator has opined that the placement of the generators will require site plan approval and the County has notified Cox that adequate landscaping will be required at each location to screen the generators from view. Two of the generators are proposed to be placed on County pump station sites, which are already screened by fencing or by landscaping. The easement will allow Cox to disturb the fencing and/or landscaping in order to complete installation of the generators, but thereafter require that Cox restore the fencing or landscaping to its original appearance.

In order to cooperate with Cox in completing the upgrade of its facilities as required by the current franchise agreement between the County and Cox, I recommend that the Board adopt resolution R00-89 which will authorize the County Administrator to execute the necessary easement deeds to allow Cox Communications to place the generators in the requested locations.

This matter has been duly advertised as a public hearing, consistent with those provisions of the Code of Virginia which require a public hearing prior to the conveyance of any interest in County-owned real estate.

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Attachments

- Plats of Easements
- Proposed Resolution No. 00-89